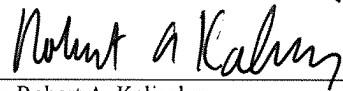


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, it is respectfully requested that this application be accorded the benefits of Continued Examination. Please enter and consider the Amendment filed on February 14, 2006.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 13-2725 in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the required fee for a large entity.

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